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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the above amendment, and of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7-10, and 12-21 are pending in this case. Claims 5, 9, and 12 are amended herein and claims 6 and 11 are cancelled herein.

Claims 2-4, 7, 8, and 19-21 stand allowed.

The Examiner objected to claims 6 and 10-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 is rewritten as amended claim 5 including all the limitations of the base claim (original claim 5). Claim 11 is rewritten as amended claim 9 including all the limitations of the base claim (former claim 9). There were no intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 9 and the claims depending thereon are now allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitani (JP 60148163) in view of Janning (U.S. Patent 4,667,217) further in view of Malhi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,225,697).

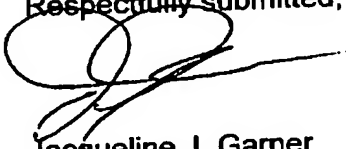
Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is overcome by the amendments to claims 5 and 9 described above and requests that the rejection now be withdrawn.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 2-5, 7-10, and 12-21. If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that

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the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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